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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Calvert TOWN STREET NO.  VICINITY Drum Point  ORIGINAL OWNER Rousby Family ORIGINAL USE Customs House PRESENT OWNER Capt. & Mrs. McFadden PRESENT USE dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Flemish bond brick NO. OF STORIES 1 1/2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY CT-67	
		2. NAME Customs House at Rousby Hall DATE OR PERIOD c. 1740 STYLE Colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC No			
<p>This small building, now partly stuccoed and painted white, was the original customs house at the junction of the Patuxent River and the Chesapeake Bay. Here ships would stop to pay their taxes to the crown. The original building was three bays wide and almost as deep. It now has a two bay addition to the right end and 2 new dormers on the roof. It has a central door. There is a two-string belt course between the first storey and the attic level on the end of the building.</p> <p>For many years a roofless ruin, this small and important structure has been restored by the present owner. Before painting, he says that the Flemish bond had random glazed headers and stretchers.</p> <p>This structure is historically important and should be noted.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		good, but restored Endangered Interior Exterior	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman  DATE OF RECORD 7/10/67	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

CT-67

CUSTOM'S HOUSE

mid 18th. century

Salvaged from a roofless ruin several years ago and renovated and extended to serve as a private residence, this one story brick house originally served as a customs building where ships entering the Patuxent River would stop to pay their taxes to the Crown.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Customs House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rousby Hall Road

CITY, TOWN

Drum Point

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Calvert

STATE

MD

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Captain A.G.W. McFadden

\*Capt. McFadden deceased 10-13-81

New owner: Mr. &amp; Mrs. Elmer M. Jackson

Rousby Hall, Lusby, MD 20657Telephone #: 326-3776

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rousby Hall

CITY, TOWN

Drum Point

— VICINITY OF

MD

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This single cell building has had its roof replaced and has been expanded by modern additions. However, it can be seen on its north end that its walls are made of Flemish bond brick which like the other brick structures on this site, had glazed headers.

A 1901 photograph identifies this building as "Collectors house" and shows that it had a single story porch on at least the north and south facades if not all of the way around. It bears some resemblance in plan and use to the tobacco house in Annapolis.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD**☐ PREHISTORIC☐ 1400-1499☐ 1500-1599☐ 1600-1699☒ 1700-1799☒ 1800-1899☐ 1900-☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC☐ AGRICULTURE☒ ARCHITECTURE☐ ART☒ COMMERCE☐ COMMUNICATIONS**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING☐ CONSERVATION☐ ECONOMICS☐ EDUCATION☐ ENGINEERING☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT☐ INDUSTRY☐ INVENTION☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE☐ LAW☐ LITERATURE☐ MILITARY☐ MUSIC☐ PHILOSOPHY☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT☐ RELIGION☐ SCIENCE☐ SCULPTURE☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN☐ THEATER☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)**SPECIFIC DATES****BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Those who have researched the Rousbys have established that John Rousby II (1680-1744) was Naval Officer of the Patuxent area and His Majesty's Collector from 1707-1717. This building is believed to have been his office where he collected taxes for the area including not only Southern Maryland, but the Eastern Shore and as far north as Baltimore. The building is situated on a protected harbor and was easily reached by ships bound up and down the Chesapeake Bay and the western rivers.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

description and significance statements: Wayne Nield

NAME / TITLE

Form compiled by:

*Merry Stinson**March 1978*

ORGANIZATION

*architectural consultant*

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

*Rt. 5 Box 262 B**757-2815*

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

*Annapolis, Md. 21401*

STATE

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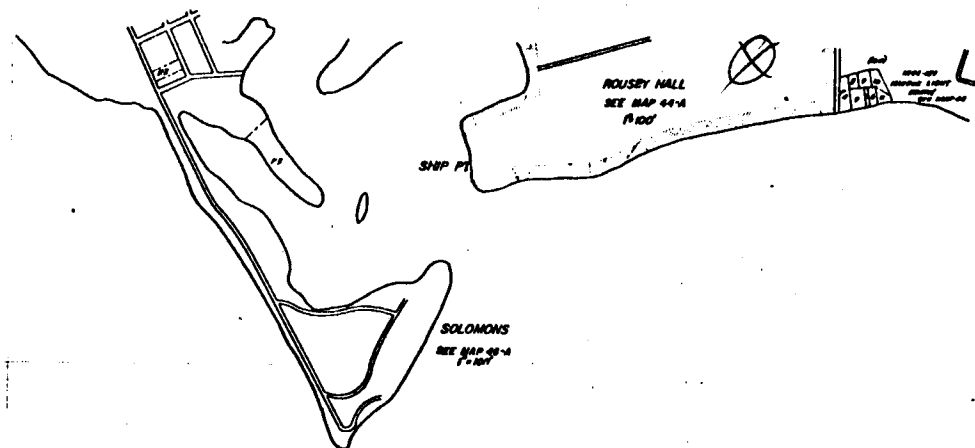
## THE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

The large room with loft above was the original office of his Majesty's Collector for the Patuxent Area. All custom collections passed through this office. The records and work was done in the large room, and the clerks slept in the loft.

In 1707-1717 Johnousty II (1680-1744) was Naval Officer of the Patuxent Area, and his Majesty's Collector for the Patuxent Area from 1717-1744. The Patuxent Area comprised the Western Shore of Maryland up to what is now Baltimore, and the two Southern counties of the Eastern Shore. Under him were Naval Officers of the Ports, and all collections passed through this office. In 1740 his fees were reported as 1500 pounds which would be approximately equivalent to \$150,000 today; allowing for the exchange between gold, the only medium acceptable for customs, and local currency.

This is probably the oldest tax office in the state. The building is brick and was stuccoed in 1950 to preserve it. The kitchen, bedroom and bath were added about eighteen years ago by enlarging an existing window. Notice the thickness of the wall. The outline of the impressive brick mansion can be seen from the front. The house was burned by the British in 1780.

## Customs Hou



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PROPERTY LINE  
SUB-DIVISION BOUNDARY  
CONTINUING SUPERSEDOR Z 10-Z-1  
PARCEL NUMBER P. 849 (ADJACENT TO CITY OF AND HUNTER)  
**SCALE: 1" = 600'**  
BY C.A.O. [Signature] DATE 1/1/78



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SCALE IN FEET



MAP NO.  
46

**CALVERT COUNTY**

944-168

CT-67

NOT TO SCALE



Heavenly

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St. John Creek

Olivet

Patience

CRPS

Town Pt.

Drum Point

CT-67

Customs House

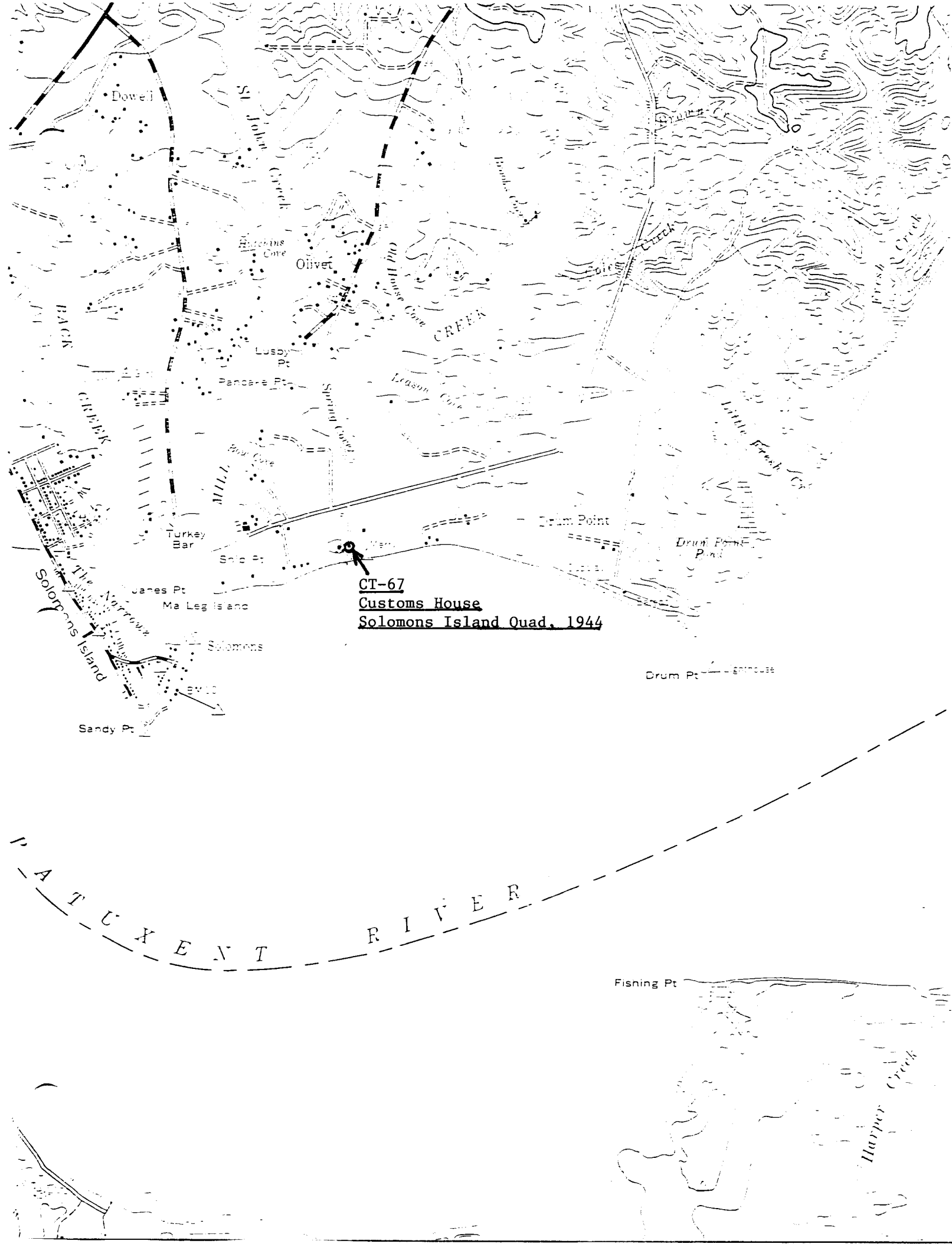
Enlargement of USGS 15' Quad, Drum Point,  
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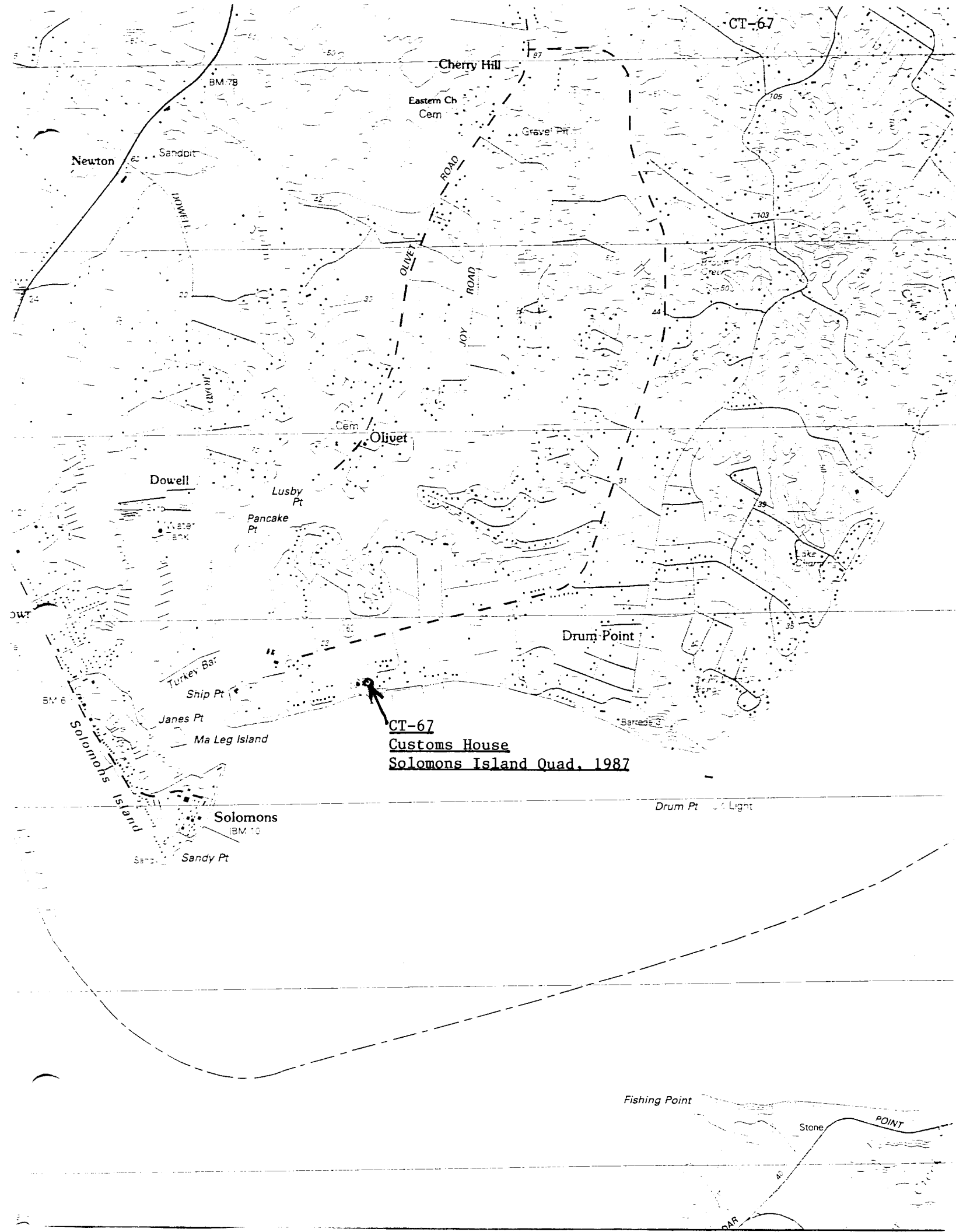
Solomons Id.

Solomons

Sandy Pt.

RIVER





CT-67

Cherry Hill

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Grave Pt

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Sandpit

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OLIVET  
ROAD

JOY  
ROAD

Cem

Olivet

Dowell

Lusby  
Pt

Pancake  
Pt

Water  
Bank

OUT

BM 6

Solomons  
Island

Janes Pt

Ma Leg Island

Solomons  
BM 10

Sandy Pt

Drum Point

CT-67

Customs House

Solomons Island Quad. 1987

Barred

Drum Pt Light

Fishing Point

Stone

POINT



CT-67  
Customs House  
S.W.

M. Stinson  
Aug. 1978



CT-67  
Customs House  
N.W.

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